

the Russian military forces. As part of the recent vote of the Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly that recommended Russian accession to the Council of Europe, an amendment was included that Russia should ratify the October 1994 agreement within 6 months.

In view of this situation, I—along with Mr. WOLF, Mr. SOLOMON, Mr. HOVER, and Mr. DURBIN—am introducing a resolution calling upon the Government of the Russian Federation to adhere to the provisions of the withdrawal agreement signed on October 21, 1994. The resolution further urges the Secretary of State to use every appropriate opportunity and means, including multilateral and bilateral diplomacy, to secure removal of Russian military forces from Moldova.

In addition, this resolution calls upon Moldova's neighbors to recognize its territorial integrity and notes the efforts of the OSCE and the Government of Ukraine to assist in resolving issues that have arisen in Transdnistria, including the withdrawal of the Russian forces.

Mr. Speaker, I would stress that this resolution does not ask the Russian Government to do anything to which it has not already agreed. It merely underscores the concern of Congress and the American people for the implementation of international law and for the easing of potential conflict in Europe.

I urge my colleagues to support this resolution.

TRIBUTE TO HON. DONALD P.
McCULLUM

HON. RONALD V. DELLUMS
OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, February 1, 1996

Mr. DELLUMS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share with my colleagues the tremendous contributions of a highly esteemed constituent, Judge Donald P. McCullum. Judge McCullum was born in Little Rock, AR, to Charles and Irene McCullum, and was the fourth of six children.

Influenced by NAACP lawyer Thurgood Marshall's court victories, Justice McCullum attended Talladega College in Alabama. After attending and graduating with honors from Boston University, School of Law in 1951, he was then sworn in as a member of the Massachusetts Bar in 1953. A highly decorated Naval Officer during the Korean War, he separated from the service and settled in Oakland, CA in 1955.

As a civil rights attorney and NAACP activist, he championed the causes of the disenfranchised, the politically under-represented, the non-represented and poor youth. He then led his contemporary colleagues in the fight for civil rights during the 1950's, 1960's and 1970's and received recognition as a civil rights leader. He served as Deputy District Attorney of Alameda County, and was the first Black City Attorney of Berkeley, and serviced as a California State Inheritance Tax Referee. In 1977, Justice McCullum was appointed to the Alameda County Superior Court bench by Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr., and was then elected Presiding Judge for two terms. In 1982, McCullum was appointed Associate Justice of the State Court of Appeals, and in 1984, was appointed Associate Justice of the California Supreme Court.

His organizational affiliations include Sigma Pi Phi and Alpha Phi Alpha fraternities, the American Bar Association, the National Bar Association, the California Association of Black Lawyers, Director of the National Urban Coalition in Washington, DC, lifetime member of both the National Council of Negro Woman and the NAACP and Director of the New Oakland Committee. Justice McCullum has also been characterized by the San Francisco Examiner's Image Magazine, as "one of three great contributors to Bay Area Social Justice in the past 100 years."

Judge Donald P. McCullum is survived by his wife of 25 years, Peggy, a son, Donald Anthony, two daughters, Peggy Lisa and Erica, one brother, Charles and two sisters, Laura and Ernize. He will forever shine bright in the hearts of those he touched, and will be remembered for years and years to come.

Judge McCullum's philosophy for life is reflected in the following statement by him, "The measure of performance and the value of an endeavor is directly related to the obstacles surmounted, the adversity overcome and the sacrifices made by a person."

SALUTE TO THE TOWN OF
SOMERSET, MD

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA
OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, February 1, 1996

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute the town of Somerset, MD, which celebrates its 90th birthday this year.

Somerset is a very special place. One of the oldest suburbs of Washington, DC, Somerset was originally settled in 1890 by five Department of Agriculture scientists who paid a total of \$19,000 for their 50-acre "suburban colony." One of the town's distinguished founders, Dr. Harvey Wiley, was the father of the Pure Food and Drug Act of 1906.

By 1905, 35 families called Somerset "home" and it was soon apparent that if the "colony" were to succeed it needed to organize to provide for the common good. In 1906 the "colony" received a charter from the State of Maryland and it became a town. Soon, taxes were levied for water, sewers, roads, schools, and the public safety.

Women played an important role in the development and history of Somerset and, indeed, in the civic life of Montgomery County throughout this century. In 1902, Somerset women organized themselves into the Wednesday Club, where over tea and the week's mending they discussed the town's problems and later the larger issues of child labor, their right to vote, and the war in Europe in each other's parlors. By 1916, the Wednesday Club became the Women's Club of Somerset and eventually joined with the Montgomery County Federation of Women's Clubs.

The town of Somerset has a mayor-council form of government. Current officials elected by residents of Somerset are Mayor Walter J. Behr, Council members George Snow, Nat Finkelstein, Judy Frankel, Peter Gubser, and Richard Kessler.

As the town celebrates its history this year, there will be a special tour highlighting Somerset's private gardens that contribute so much

to the natural beauty of the area. And in July, the town will come together as it has traditionally done over the years for a glorious July 4th celebration.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in wishing the town and people of Somerset, MD, a most happy 90th birthday.

IN PRAISE OF WEST VIRGINIANS
DURING RECENT FLOOD DISASTER

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 1, 1996

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, it is difficult to know where to begin in praise of the people of West Virginia in their concerted and unselfish efforts to help start cleaning up and digging out after recent disastrous floods throughout 6 of the 16 counties I have the high honor to represent in the House. The counties which are scheduled to receive both Federal and State assistance were: Mercer, Greenbrier, Pocahontas, Webster, Summers, and Monroe Counties.

Let me begin by saying that the West Virginia Legislature acted promptly and with compassion without politics in expeditiously approving the State's matching share of \$7.5 million to begin to assist southern West Virginia to clean up and dig out after the devastation of the flood waters. The Salvation Army, who is ever present at disasters of all kinds, was there in force to help southern West Virginia. The West Virginia National Guard provided cleaning supplies, shovels, and helped set up the shelter at the elementary school in Talcott, Summers County, for families and children whose homes were washed away or who had to be evacuated from their homes. Our National Guard was super.

The State Department of Highways and county emergency services directors took immediate action to make heavy equipment available and provided other debris-removal and salvage assistance. Directors of emergency services made local relief available immediately. Local businesses are to be commended highly for their free donation of necessary supplies of immediate necessity to families in the community at large in dealing with all aspects of the flooding.

Deserving of highest praise were the local fire departments, city mayors, county commissioners, and concerned individuals and families who took it upon themselves to stand by night and day to provide food and beverages for the workers, and shelter, blankets, space heaters, and clothing for families.

I would like to specifically mention many of—but not all—those individuals and agencies by name, who were strong and steadfast in getting assistance to those who needed special food for those on medically required diets, many who needed warm clothing for themselves and children who lost homes and escaped with only the clothes on their backs. There were those in need of special medications left behind when home evacuations were necessary, and transportation was provided for those in need of a physician's care or for shopping for other of life's necessities for people finding themselves suddenly homeless. And those who wanted cleaning supplies and brooms, shovels, and water hoses to start getting rid of the mud and muck in their homes,

businesses, churches and public buildings were also served by local businesses and emergency relief offices mentioned above.

First I want to pay tribute, with the highest praise possible, to the Talcott Volunteer Fire Department Chief Tom Talbott and Tim Ulrich, his able assistant chief, in Summers County—for it was this volunteer fire department that stood by night and day throughout the flood's intensity and afterward, and who provided food and drink for everyone else on the flood sites. These volunteers showed real leadership in stressful and often dangerous situations, including heroic rescues, and who helped keep the local victims of the flood—their neighbors—calm, safe, warm, and fed.

In that context, I wish to convey special thanks and gratitude to the following individuals who are members of the Talcott Volunteer Fire Department:

Kenny Simmons, Pete Weikle and his sons, David, James, and Darin; Matt Stalnaker, Evelyn and Robert Bailey, Wayne Martin, Bryan Keatley, Wesley Ward and John Gold, Kellis Miller, Tommy Ward, and Charles "Chucky" Gore, all of whom responded beyond the call of duty as they reached out to neighbors and friends to provide food and shelter.

During my tour of Pocahontas County's Marlinton flood area, I received able assistance and support from Dana Moyers, president of the Pocahontas County Commission, and Commissioner Joel Collison, as well as county superintendent of schools, Thomas Long. I have the highest praise for Marlinton's acting mayor, Jean Hite, who did an outstanding job. For myself and all others engaged in assessing how to best meet the short- and long-term needs of the city's people, she went all out to make the city's emergency relief and other resources available. Her's was a job well done.

Last, but certainly not the least of fine-caliber, able people who accompanied me on the Marlinton tour of damages, I am most deeply appreciative of the work and support of Jane Price Sharp, of the Pocahontas Times, whose job it was to observe and to write of the flood and its devastating effects on people and institutions. Under the time-honored banner of the Fourth Estate's credo that "people have the right to know," Jane did an outstanding job.

The Salvation Army—any organization on which all of can and do rely during disasters of all kinds—were outstanding in their offers of assistance to individuals and families and followed through with clothing, blankets, and all other forms of human assistance possible to the flood victims throughout the areas hardest hit.

I want to particularly thank Mayor Jim Leslie of Hinton in Summers County for his assistance in touring the Bluestone Dam. My deep appreciation goes to Mayor Lindy Hodges of Ronceverte in Greenbrier County, who met me at the Ronceverte townhall—the old townhall because the new one was flooded—as we discussed Greenbrier County to assess the damage and determine what the immediate and long-term needs would be.

Mayor Tom Housby of Alderson, between Monroe and Greenbrier Counties, met me at the Alderson townhall and accompanied me to view the flood's toll taken on the people, their homes and businesses in that area, and to do a quick assessment of damage and loss there.

And I salute the locally elected members of the West Virginia Legislature, Delegate Ron

Thompson of Beckley, Delegate Mary Pearl Compton of Summers County, house majority leader Jim Rowe and Delegate Bill Wallace of Greenbrier County, Delegate Joe Martin and Delegate Bill Proudfoot of Pocahontas County, and State Senators Mike Ross and Walt Helmick, for their quick action along with their colleagues in the West Virginia House of delegates and the State senate, to approve the State's matching share of funds so that the cleanup of their communities could go forward.

Honorable mention must go also to Postmaster John "Bill" Dillion, of the Talcott Post Office, and his assistant Lorene Cales, and carriers Ronnie Quick and Patsy Mills for keeping the post office open for mail services as well as a community center, so that not only could people get their mail—a very important daily ritual of normalcy for people everywhere—as well as a place for people to gather and assure one another that they were safe. I commend each of them for this public service and for their humanitarian concern.

My hat is off to Talcott Elementary School Principal Gaye Shaver, whose assistance in turning the school's gymnasium and cafeteria over as a shelter to families seeking refuge from the storms and the rising waters is and was invaluable. Praise goes also to Rev. Dana Stalnaker, pastor of the local Baptist Church for helping with the shelter and getting the Red Cross involved in Summers County, and to Peggy Elkins who started within a few hours of receding flood waters to obtain local emergency relief for families—while awaiting the often longer process of getting State and Federal relief started. Thank you Peggy.

During the early tour of the flood-torn area in my district, I was accompanied by FEMA's regional director from Kansas City, John Miller, who was asked by the Philadelphia Regional Director to help us out due to the intensity of the flooding.

In the week after the floods, after the six counties were declared an emergency disaster area by the President, I was joined by FEMA Director James Lee Witt on a tour of Pocahontas County and other areas, again to stress the need for Federal assistance and to assess the extent of the damages suffered in the six-county area.

As we have seen happen in natural disasters throughout the country and the world, people do come together and help one another in times of stress and even danger. Disasters, call upon the best that is in us—and people seldom fail to meet their duties and responsibilities to their neighbors both close and far.

This is what I have observed in West Virginia: A binding together of people from all walks of life, helping each other in this most frightening of ordeals with floodwaters swirling about their homes, schools, churches, businesses, and public buildings. It makes me very proud to be a West Virginian and to be their Representative in Congress.

My hat is off to the people of West Virginia—all those whom I have named in these remarks, and all those whose names are unknown to me who did their part and who continue to help one another.

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT E. LEO, VETERAN AND EDUCATOR

HON. FRANK TEJEDA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 1, 1996

Mr. TEJEDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the memory of a true patriot, a man who dedicated his life to the principles that make this Nation great. I am referring to Mr. Robert Leo, a veteran, rancher, and educator, who for many decades was a great and respected leader in south Texas. Mr. Leo passed away on Saturday, January 27, and I respectfully request that this House of Representatives take a moment to honor his many accomplishments. South Texas will miss this strong leader, who fought so hard and so well for the principles we all hold dear.

Robert Leo served this Nation in the United States Army during World War II, defending this Nation in the battle of Attu in the Aleutian Islands. He received the purple heart for his service. Mr. Leo sacrificed his future for this Nation, because his wound prevented him from enjoying a career in baseball with the New York Yankees, who had selected him in the baseball draft.

After serving this Nation in war and sacrificing himself to protect our freedoms, Mr. Leo never forgot the foundations of the republic he fought to preserve. He knew that a healthy democracy depends on the education of its citizens, so he went to work educating young south Texans, teaching in his native La Joya and later serving as principal and assistant superintendent of Webb County school district in Oilton. Even after his retirement, he served as the president of the board of trustees of the Ramirez Common School District for many years. He enjoyed researching the rich history of south Texas all the way back to the Spanish colonial and Mexican land records.

Robert Leo understood the importance of public service to American democracy. He was active with the Disabled American Veterans and was a life member of the Boy Scouts of America. He served on many boards, including an appointment to the State Committee for the Control of Pesticides and the State Committee for Exports to Mexico. As a member of the board of directors for Valley Telephone Cooperative, including 2 years as chairman, he helped spearhead improvements in communications for south Texas. Whether it was helping veterans, or young people, or promoting the Texas economy, modernizing communications, or preserving our agricultural and ranchlands, Robert Leo, with his energy and dedication, left his unique stamp on these critical efforts.

Above all, Robert Leo stood for the importance of the accountability of those in Government and the free exchange of ideas. He founded the Freedom Party in Duval County, and was appointed to chair the committee to investigate county corruption. Above all he cared deeply about our Democratic institutions and he was outspoken in their defense, working for decades to make them serve the people as they should.

We in Congress should take a moment to remember this outstanding man, who had a rare gift for giving to others and for public service. Above all, he stands as a shining example of how to work for change and at the